

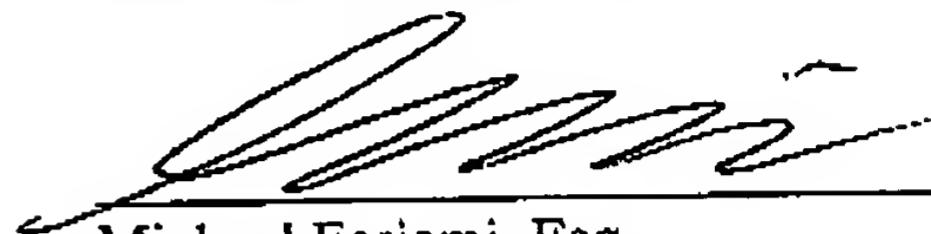
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REMARKS

By the present amendment and response, claims 1-15 have been canceled and claims 21-24 have been added. New claim 21 is the independent form of claim 2, which includes all of the limitations of base claim 1. New claim 22 depends from claim 21 and corresponds to dependent claim 6. New claim 23 is the independent form of claim 10, which includes all of the limitations of base claim 9. New claim 24 depends from claim 23 and corresponds to dependent claim 14. New claims 21-24 are thus allowable according to the Examiner's comments on page 4 of the Office Action dated September 22, 2004. Thus, claims 16-24 remain in the present application, claims 16-20 have been allowed, and claims 21-24 are now in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance for pending claims 16-24 is respectfully requested.

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